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INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTO VISITS EC COMMISSION

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(C) 76 EC BRUSSELS A-501

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTO OF ZAIRE PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE  
EC COMMISSION ON JANUARY 21 WHERE HE MET WITH PRESIDENT JENKINS  
AND COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON. COMMISSION OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT  
MOBUTO REVIEWED THE EC INDICATIVE AID PROGRAM TO ZAIRE  
(SEE REF. B) AND INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS UNDER THE  
LOME CONVENTION. CHEYSSON OUTLINED SEVERAL EC PROPOSED  
REGIONAL PROJECTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT ZAIRE: 1) A \$1 MILLION  
ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE IUZIZI POWER STATION NO. 2; THIS STUDY  
WOULD LEAD TO ABOUT \$11 MILLION OF EC FINANCING; AND 2) A \$11  
MILLION TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TO DEVELOP PORT FACILITIES  
ALONG LAKES VICTORIA AND TRNGANYIKA AND A RAIL HEAD,  
AND TO IMPROVE RAIL AND ROAD LINKS WITH DAR ES SALAAM

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2. MOBUTO ASKED FOR EC HELP FOR THE KINSHASA-ILEBO  
ROAD, BUT COMMISSION OFFICIALS MADE NO COMMITMENTS.  
CHEYSSON ENCOURAGED THE COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION TO  
DEVELOP A MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN ORDER TO COM-  
PLEMENT AND INTEGRATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

ACTIVITIES. (COMMENT: COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING A MEETING BETWEEN THESE COUNTRIES AND MAJOR DONORS TO DISCUSS SUCH A PLAN.)

3. MOBUTO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS IN CIEC. HE CHIDED THE EC FOR WAITING ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION BEFORE PROPOSING ANY NEW INITIATIVES TO BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN CIEC. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COPPER AGREEMENT TO HELP STABILIZE COPPER PRICES AND THEREBY IMPROVE THE GOZ'S ABILITY TO PLAN ITS ECONOMY. COMMISSION OFFICIALS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THIS NEED, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENTS.

4. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ADD THAT MOBUTO IS MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EUROPEAN INVESTORS IN ZAIRE. THIS IS AN EFFORT TO ASSURE THEM OF GOZ INTENTIONS TO STABILIZE THE ECONOMY AND TO OFFER APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS TO PRIVATE INVESTORS.

5. MOBUTO WAS PLEASED TO BE THE FIRST HEAD OF STATE TO BE GREETED BY THE NEW EC COMMISSION. HE REPORTEDLY ASSURED THE EC OF HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO HAVE OAU TO EMULATE EC INTEGRATION EFFORTS.  
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